

12 TRACTORS WORK ONE FIELD AS FARM FORUM HELPS NEIGHBOR

This story of a Halton county farm forum is the third in a series. S.S. No. 8, North Trafalgar forum gives its own account of organization and accomplishments this week.

In this year of 1952, we, the members of S.S. No. 8 North Trafalgar Farm Forum, look back with a certain sense of satisfaction.

In 1941 an attempt was made to organize, but to no avail. After much talking and phoning, arrangements were made to hold our first meeting at the school house when broadcasting commenced in 1946.

To many the first year was a trial basis. With a small number of interested members we were able to send a donation to the China Relief Fund.

1948 meant real work with a Community spirit for good causes. The Canadian Save the Children Fund was our first objective with the total netting \$251.96.

Parties were arranged. Euchre, crokinole and chinese checkers made up the games. Tickets were sold on quilts and boxes of groceries. One member, after receiving the box, turned it back in to be auctioned off. The Red Cross and Canadian Crippled Children also received help.

With an average attendance of sixteen we started into 1949-50 season. This year the Halton County Recreation centre at Lowville was making a renovation. Were we interested? Why, of course! A party was arranged, was a success and we were pleased to add our contributions to the project.

In 1950 with seeding well under way sickness reared its head. Not an immediate neighbor, but one, whom we all knew well. A day was set to give a helping hand. Willing men with tractors and suitable equipment took on the task; and gave a lift both physically and spiritually.

Now Manitoba was the centre of our attention. After holding a successful euchre and dance in our township hall, we gave sixty dollars.

Who isn't aware of the need of reforestation and the assistance given by the government? Our Forum sponsored S.S. No. 8 North Trafalgar. One member donated the land, and a number gave a helping hand to the teacher and pupils the day the trees were planted. Three quarters acre was planted by 11 pupils, the teacher and the government fieldman. We're more than proud and happy to announce we won third prize.

What community is free from fire and sickness? One family is not always the victim, but so was the case here. When fire struck we immediately gave as much help as we could. The next day clean-up crews arrived to assist the unfortunate family and clean up a place for them to live.

The following spring, sickness struck this same family. With the help of two neighbors, the hired man did the small grain seeding. The corn was to be sown. Can you imagine the sight of twelve tractors in a thirty acre field; all of different sizes and colors, each bent on giving a helping hand?

Crisis meant a closer Community. Why not continue the theme with something constructive?

Home beautification was the solution. Into the hat went the family names. The winner had the privilege of setting the day and jobs to be done. On a bright June day we arrived dressed for work. Men were put at fencing and cementing. Women had painting to do. We all know the story of Tom Sawyer and his fence. The fence was not the only article painted, but the nice shiny car of a certain young fellow has to this day a beautiful green spattering.

After a hearty lunch, back to work! There was a brick wall knocked out to make a garage. We all agreed it had been a day of work well enjoyed with our neighbors.

The last two years we have kept up our outside contributions, but have worked to better our own community. A delegate has been sent to the O.A.C. Short Course and Folk School.

The school which we call our community has been equipped with card tables, dishes and coffee urn, and this year we hope to help with the baseball diamond and landscape the front yard.

You might think that all we have used our forum for is to raise money—that is not true, for we find through our discussions with the help of Radio Broadcast and Forum Guides we are able to make a contribution towards the enrichment of life as we know it in Canada. Life in our rural community has been more closely knit together since participating in our Farm Forum.

After our discussions the "Ponty Club" has their game—mostly men, but of late the ladies have been admitted. It's good to see the neighbors having a friendly game.

Ours is a forum where children are welcome and everyone is free to air their opinions and meet their neighbors.

What would we do without Farm Forum?

Canadian Farmers Lent 98 Million

A total of \$98,259,151 was borrowed by Canadian farmers during 1952 under the Farm Improvement Loans Act. This information was contained in the annual report tabled in the House of Commons by the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Douglas Abbott. This represents the greatest amount borrowed during any twelve month period since the inception of the Act. The increase over the corresponding period of 1951 is nearly 13 million dollars.

Since the coming into force of the Farm Improvement Act in 1945 farmers have availed themselves of 331,940 loans. The dollar volume of these loans amounts to \$353,840,000. At the end of 1952, farmers had repaid 65.3 per cent. of this accumulated total.

Claims paid to the banks for losses amounted to \$12,153, an increase of nearly six thousand dollars over 1951. So far no accurate estimate of a future loss ratio can be predicted, but at the end of 1952, losses represented .01 per cent. of the amount lent during seven years operation.

As in preceding years by far the greatest amount borrowed was by the farmers in the Prairie Provinces. Roughly 74 per cent. of the ninety-eight million obtained last year was in this area. However, marked percentage increases were recorded in the Maritimes, and when cognizance is taken of the farming population and the value of the farms, the increase is significant. Ontario and British Columbia showed a slight increase, while Quebec farmers borrowed approximately one million dollars more than in 1951.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Donald Garrard! This year's Grand Award Winner on the popular, nation-wide radio program, "C-I-L Singing Stars of Tomorrow", receives his award from internationally known musical figure, Dr. Edward Johnson. Over \$4,000 in musical awards were recently awarded to eight talented young Canadian singers who topped the 44 contestants heard throughout the past season on "C-I-L Singing Stars of Tomorrow".

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Seek Retirement, Death Relations

Cornell University has embarked upon a seven-year nation-wide survey in the United States to determine whether or not there is any truth in the belief that involuntary retirement based on age speeds up symptoms of disease and even death. "Why all this concern about older people?" remarks Irving Ladimer in Occupational Health, published by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. "Probably because we see more of them around than ever before. Although the population of the United States has doubled in the last half century, the number of middle aged—45 to 64—has tripled. The number of persons over 65 has quadrupled. One in every 12 persons to-day is 65 or older.

There are many pros and cons on the question of compulsory retirement at a set age, Mr. Ladimer goes on. In its favor are ease of operation, fairness, certainty, and advance financial and psychological planning for all parties. Against it are the arguments of known variation in aging and ability, continued participation in production, possible money savings by reduced pensions, and the satisfaction and well being of the man who can and wants to work.

The issues with which industry has to grapple therefore are (1) how to use older people profitably—or else shoulder the cost of supporting them directly by pensions and indirectly by government benefits and welfare services, and (2) how to introduce them to the future, when the job is over, so they can help themselves, the community and last but not least, the company.

"Firms with successful pre-retirement plans not only have captured worker approval but also have netted profits by using skills which less resourceful managements have overlooked," notes Mr. Ladimer.

BALL FAN

A baseball fan decided to spend his afternoon at the race track because his favourite ball team was on the road. Not much of a horse expert, he went in a big way for the attractive long shots and placed \$10 on a 100-to-1 dark horse.

Amazingly enough, his steed started off fast and the baseball fan almost went completely berserk when the nag was still leading in the stretch. He waved his arms and madly shouted encouragement to his horsey hope—but then the favourite began to bear down. Closer, closer came the favourite and, as the horses approached the line, the short shot began passing the long shot.

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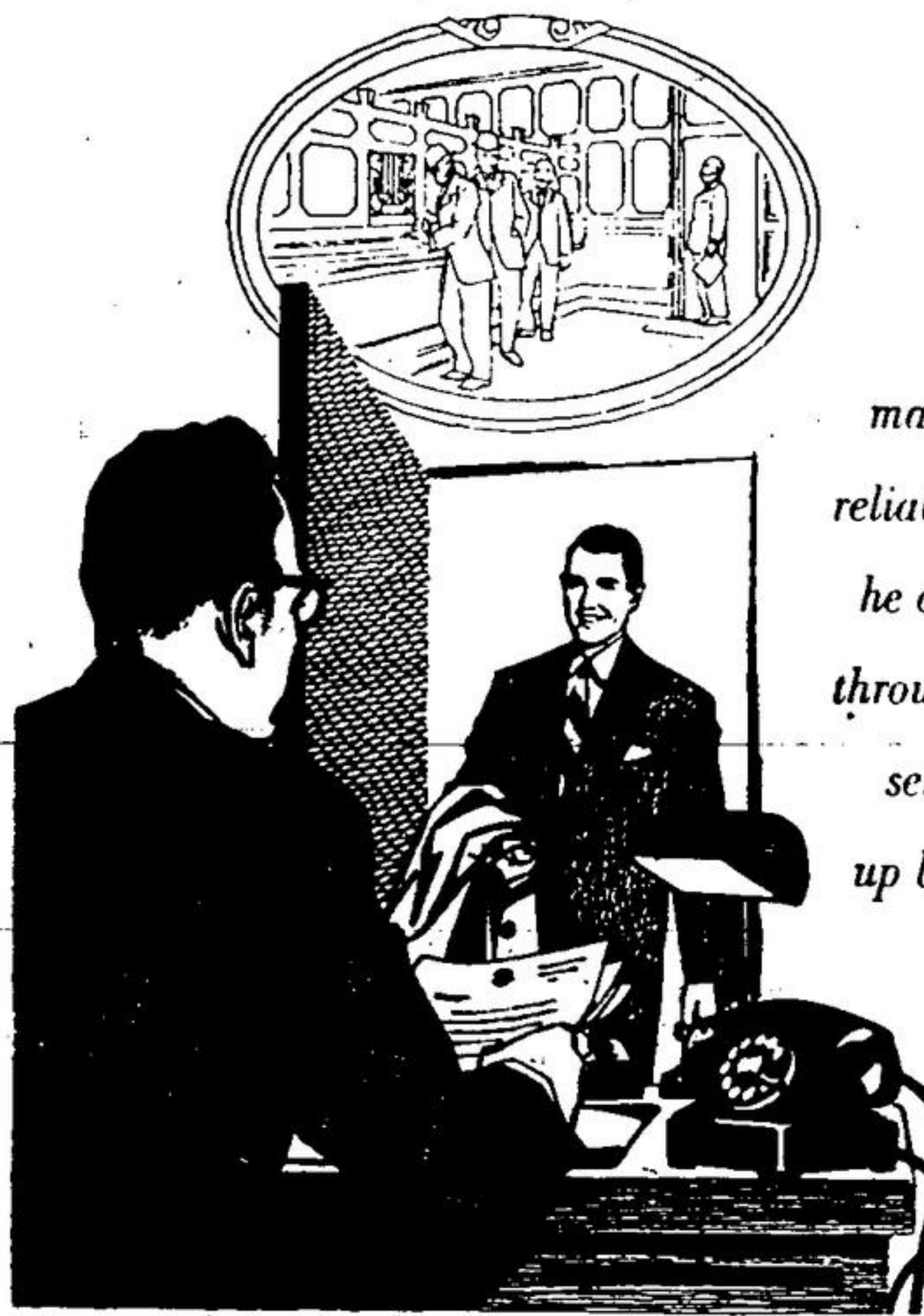
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